



Restore Burn and Wound Research Essay Prize

Restore Burn and Wound Research has established the Restore Essay Prize to be awarded to several medical students each year who are interested in the field of Burns, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Open to: All medical students registered at United Kingdom medical schools at the date of submission.

Prize: The prize fund of £1500 – including a first prize of £1000, and runner up prizes. Each award will be expected to contribute to either:

1. A student elective placement with one of Restore's affiliate burns and plastic surgery units in the UK or abroad, or such other elective placement with an established burns and plastic surgery centre as the student may have arranged (and will have with prior notice agreed with Restore's Director of Research). We will support the student in gaining valuable clinical exposure in the specified department, but moreover, there is an expectation that the student will undertake a small research project in the linked unit.
2. Supporting the prize winner in undertaking a summer research project in burns or scarring research in the following academic year, subject to the approval of Restore's Director of Research.

Publication: In addition to the financial reward, the prize winner will also receive a one-off mentoring meeting with Restore to receive feedback and guidance on how to bring their essay to publication. Please note that we cannot offer continuing support or guarantee that a publication will occur.

The Prize will be named 'The Restore Essay Prize' in all publicity.

Frequency: Annual at the discretion of Restore's Board of Trustees.

Submission deadline: 31st July 2017

Personal involvement: the essay must have been personally written by the applicant and confirmed in writing to be **original and the sole endeavours of the candidate** on a separate authorship form which is downloadable from the Restore website (<https://www.restore-research.org.uk/>) to be submitted with the essay.

Essay Submission Criteria

- Essay titles will be set by Restore's Directors of Research that is relevant to the fields of wound healing, burns or scarring.
- Essay title(s) will be provided by the Restore Director of Research by August 30th, for a submission deadline of midnight on 31st July 2017.

- There must be no indication in the submission of the author's identity or parent institution.
- The manuscript should be no longer than 4000 words including any figure captions but excluding references, acknowledgements and appendices. It should be written in a format commensurate with research articles published in the academic press.
- The essay should include an abstract of no more than 200 words written in jargon-free language that a lay person can understand.
- Submissions may include relevant figures, tables or diagrams where these improve the clarity of the text, but should not be included where the added value is minimal.
- Only one essay may be submitted per applicant and this should be submitted electronically to essayprize@restore-research.org.uk by midnight on 31st July 2017.
- Essays will be judged according to set criteria including clarity, comprehensiveness, quality of argument, originality and overall impression by a panel of Restore scientific staff and advisers.
- The essays with the best overall scores in the first round will be assessed by an independent marker and, depending on this final assessment, one or several awards may be confirmed after consideration of the general standard of entries.
- Restore reserves the right not to award an elective prize if the standard of entries is deemed to be of inadequate quality.
- Successful candidates will be notified in writing within two months of the submission deadline.
- Successful candidates will be expected to compile a short report including photographs about their elective or summer research project for Restore. This may be published on our website or in our newsletters.
- Unsuccessful candidates will be given brief feedback on their entry.

Plagiarism: Candidates should take care to avoid copyright infringement in any figures, diagram or picture used. **Plagiarism in any form will result in the entry being disqualified and this will be relayed to the relevant medical school.**

Elective arrangements

In making the award, Restore makes no representation as to the suitability or otherwise of the elective placement or summer research placement for a particular candidate and he/she is responsible for making all practical arrangements for his/her elective or summer research placement including but not limited to travel, accommodation and insurance.

The successful candidate's elective or summer research placement will be unremunerated and he/she will operate strictly as a guest /observer without any form of employment either express or implied with the host institution.

The candidate will be taken to have accepted these rules by submission of his/her essay.

Payment

The award will be paid directly to the successful candidate(s) once the elective/ summer research project has been completed.